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SUBJECT: ATMOSPHERE ON EVE OF SECOND PARTY CONGRESS

1. SECOND CONGRESS OF BURMA SOCIALIST PROGRAM PARTY OPENS OCTOBER 8 AND EXPECTED TO LAST UNTIL OCTOBER 21. SIGNIFICANCE IS FACT THAT DURING PAST WEEKS THERE HAVE BEEN MANY REPORTS OF LEFTISTS DEFEATING ARMY/GUB CANDIDATES IN ELECTIONS FOR CONGRESS DELEGATES, WITH RESULTING DISSATISFACTION IN ARMY.

2. NE WIN IS SAID TO HAVE EXPRESSED ANTI-SOCIALIST AND ANTI-BSPP STATEMENTS, EVEN THREATENING TO DISSOLVE PARTY. ALTHOUGH ANY SUCH DRASTIC MOVE APPEARS MOST UNLIKELY, GUB LEADERSHIP COULD

FACE SERIOUS DILEMMA IF LEFTISTS SHOULD ATTEMPT TO WRESTLE CONTROL FROM ARMY AT PARTY CONGRESS.

3. GUB'S POLICY OF KEEPING PUBLIC IN DARK CONTRIBUTES TO ATMOSPHERE OF UNCERTAINTY AND PROVIDES FUEL FOR RUMORS. MARTIN

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